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## **HOUSE APPROVES \$2 MILLION TO HELP WIDEN HIGHWAY 10**

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Seventh District Congressman Dave Obey (D-WI) announced today that the House of Representatives has approved his request

for \$2 million in next year's transportation appropriations bill for the expansion of Highway 10 between Marshfield and Stevens Point.

“The expansion of Highway 10 to a four lane highway is an important piece of the central Wisconsin transportation infrastructure system of the 21<sup>st</sup> century,” said Obey. “It means improved local transportation for Wood and Portage County residents and for motorist and businesses located along the Marshfield to Stevens Point corridor.”

Highway 10 is a major East-West corridor through Central Wisconsin. Obey requested the federal funds in next year's budget to help the Wisconsin Department of Transportation continue work on a long-term project intended to four-lane the entire highway between Appleton and Marshfield to relieve congestion, improve safety and help spur economic growth for the region.

However, the bill must still be approved by the Senate and signed

by the President before it becomes law ,

Obey warned. "But having these funds included in the House passed bill means that a major hurdle has been cleared," he concluded.

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